

in view of Zeligson (U.S. Pat. 6,067,738). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 17 recites a method of decorating an imaging device having a transparent door. The method comprises the steps of (i) printing decoration on a top surface of a decorative sheet using the imaging device; (ii) placing the decorative sheet behind the transparent door on the imaging device; and (iii) orienting the top surface of the decorative sheet to be adjacent to the transparent door, whereby the decoration may be viewed through the transparent door. Using the claimed method, a user may customize an imaging device by printing a unique decoration on a decorative sheet and placing the sheet behind a transparent door on the imaging device such that the decoration may be viewed through the transparent door.

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, Examiner Do states:

Regarding Claims 1 and 17, Pangburn discloses in Figures 1-6 a method and apparatus comprises (sic) an image device having a housing; and a first door rotatably coupled to the housing (Figure 1)...Pangburn discloses the claimed invention except for reciting a second door overlying the first door, and a decorative sheet between the first door and the second transparent door. Zeligson teaches in Figure 4 that a second door (71) overlying the first door (70), and a decorative sheet (83) between the first door (70) and the second transparent door (71). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the second transparent door, as taught by Zeligson, for the purpose of providing the neat and organized display of personally selected printed materials and information and protecting the ultimate damages to the displayed items as noted in column 1 lines 13-15 and 21-24 of Zeligson.

Pangburn is a Design Patent that illustrates the ornamental design for a printer. Figures 1-6 of Pangburn show different views of the printer. With regard to Claim 17 of the present application, Figures 1-6 of Pangburn do not disclose or even suggest a method for decorating an imaging device. These Figures simply show different views of the ornamental design of the printer. Additionally, Pangburn does not disclose or suggest that the illustrated printer has a transparent door, and Pangburn does not disclose or suggest a decorative sheet that may be used to decorate the printer.

Zeligson discloses a refrigerator door display lens that may be used to display items or information. A clear lens may be either hingedly opened from and closed to or otherwise removed from and replaced in laminar relationship with respect to a

refrigerator door. Adhesive, magnetic or other suitable materials affix the display items to the lens, the door, or to a panel which is affixed to the door. When the lens closes over the items, a visually pleasing frame protects the displayed items and secures them in place.

Neither Pangburn nor Zeligson disclose, teach or suggest the claimed method of decorating an imaging device. More specifically, neither reference discloses or suggests the steps of (i) printing decoration on a top surface of a decorative sheet using an imaging device; and (ii) placing the decorative sheet behind a transparent door on the imaging device.

Based upon at least the above, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 17 is not disclosed, taught or suggested by Pangburn and/or Zeligson.

Rejection of Claims 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a)

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 18-21 as being unpatentable over Pangburn (U.S. Des. 413,142) in view of Zeligson (U.S. Pat. 6,067,738) as applied to claims 1, 2, 8, 10-12 and 17, and further in view of Enomoto et al. (US 5,974,401). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In the present application, Claim 18 depends from independent Claim 17, and adds the step of selecting the decoration from a plurality of decorations. Claim 19 depends from Claim 18 and adds the step of providing the plurality of decorations on a memory device. Claim 20 depends from Claim 18 and adds the step of downloading a decoration from a remote content source. Claim 21 depends from Claim 17 and adds the step of designing a custom decoration.

Enomoto et al. discloses a digital print order and delivery system in which a user can order and receive digital prints from a remote photofinisher. Digital image data and print order data are sent to a designated photofinisher. A reception processing device at the photofinisher stores the digital image data and relating print order data, and commands a digital printer to make prints from the digital image data in accordance with the print order data. (See Abstract and Fig. 1).

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner states:

Enomoto et al teaches the steps of selecting the decoration from a plurality of decorations; providing the plurality of decorations on a memory device; downloading a decoration from a remote content source; and designing a custom decoration (column 7, lines 14-21).

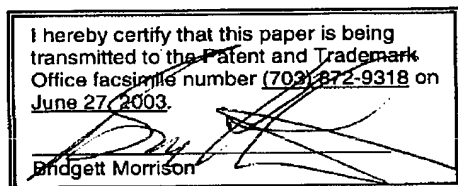
It would have been further obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the steps of selecting the decoration from a plurality of decorations; providing the plurality of decorations on a memory device; downloading a decoration from a remote content source; and designing a custom decoration, as taught by Enomoto et al, for the purpose of providing a digital print order and delivery method with ease as noted in column 1, lines 43-48 of Enomoto et al.

Applicants respectfully note that the portions of Enomoto referenced by the Examiner do not disclose, teach or even suggest any of the steps recited in Claims 18-21 of the present application. Enomoto discloses a digital print order and delivery system in which a user can order and receive digital prints from a remote photofinisher. There is no teaching or suggestion in Enomoto of a method of decorating an imaging device, and specifically no teaching or suggestion of: (1) selecting a decoration from a plurality of decorations; (2) providing the plurality of decorations on a memory device; (3) downloading a decoration from a remote content source; or (4) designing a custom decoration.

Based upon at least the above, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 17-21 are not disclosed, taught or suggested by the cited references.

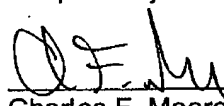
Conclusion

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner should have any questions or if prosecution may be expedited, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.



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